

Appendix table 5-9. Scientists and engineers who are unemployed or out of the labor force, by reason for not working, sex, race/ethnicity, and disability status: 1997

Reason for not working	Total	Sex		Race/ethnicity					Disability status	
		Women	Men	White, non-Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Indian/Alaskan Native	Persons without disabilities	Persons with disabilities
Total ¹	529,600	135,100	394,500	468,300	34,900	13,600	11,400	700	437,500	92,000
Family responsibilities.....	59,200	51,900	7,300	51,700	4,000	1,000	2,100	-	56,100	3,100
Chronic illness or permanent disability.....	27,800	8,200	19,600	24,300	1,800	1,300	400	-	10,200	17,600
Suitable job not available.....	26,000	9,400	16,700	19,900	3,400	1,100	1,300	100	22,700	3,300
Did not need or want to work.....	76,400	41,000	35,400	65,100	6,700	3,100	1,500	100	70,900	5,500
Other reason.....	17,000	5,900	11,100	13,700	2,100	400	600	100	15,500	1,500
Retired.....	342,600	31,100	311,500	319,900	12,600	5,400	4,300	300	271,300	71,300
Student.....	61,000	25,000	36,000	41,700	11,300	4,600	3,200	200	58,800	2,200
On layoff from a job.....	25,700	8,800	16,900	21,000	2,800	700	1,200	100	23,400	2,300
Percentage distribution										
Total ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Family responsibilities.....	11.2	38.4	1.8	11.0	11.5	7.7	18.5	3.3	12.8	3.4
Chronic illness or permanent disability.....	5.3	6.1	5.0	5.2	5.2	9.7	3.3	0.5	2.3	19.2
Suitable job not available.....	4.9	6.9	4.2	4.3	9.8	7.9	11.6	11.5	5.2	3.6
Did not need or want to work.....	14.4	30.4	9.0	13.9	19.3	22.7	12.8	13.3	16.2	6.0
Other reason.....	3.2	4.3	2.8	2.9	6.0	3.3	5.6	9.4	3.5	1.6
Retired.....	64.7	23.0	79.0	68.3	36.2	39.7	38.1	41.6	62.0	77.5
Student.....	11.5	18.5	9.1	8.9	32.2	34.0	28.2	27.7	13.4	2.4
On layoff from a job.....	4.9	6.5	4.3	4.5	8.1	5.3	10.1	8.4	5.3	2.5

¹ Because of rounding and because respondents could select more than one reason, details will not add to totals.

KEY: - = Fewer than 50 estimated.

NOTE: The term "scientists and engineers" includes all persons who have ever received a bachelor's degree or higher in a science or engineering field, plus persons holding a non-science and -engineering bachelor's or higher degree who were employed in a science or engineering occupation. Total includes "other" race/ethnicity not shown separately. Figures are rounded to nearest hundred. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, 1997 SESTAT (Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System).